

Twelve for Twelve

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When God Becomes A Stranger

Introduction: In *Jeremiah 14:8*, there is a question asked, "... why shouldst thou be a stranger? ..." The people of God had become backslidden as a whole, and God had literally become a stranger to his own people. The pretense, the rituals were all seen and observed, but God was like a guest that was only put up with because it had to be done.

Question: Have you ever had a distant relative or an unexpected guest show up? You did your duty, but could not wait till it was all over?

How does this attitude towards God happen? Where did it start? Why do many not even see it or care one way or the other?

Illustration: A man came to me and said, "I'm not coming back to church anymore." I asked, "Why not?" He answered, "Because you expect me to be at every service. One church service a week should be enough for anyone." That man was not always like this. In fact, he used to appear to be very devout. What happened?

FIRST: A DRIFTING AWAY.

HEBREWS 2:1

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

Illustration: When I was a young man, I fell asleep in a boat on the White River in southern Indiana. When I woke up, I discovered that I was over three miles down river. It seemed like forever to paddle back to the place I had drifted from. This is exactly why you should not allow yourself to drift. It is very difficult to get back to where you started from.

SECOND: A DECEPTION BY THE RELIGIOUS.

MATTHEW 7:22-23

I read a book years ago about evangelism. The statement that the author made that I have never forgotten was, "The greatest field of evangelism sits on church pews."

Just because some friend, or even a famous religious leader, practices something you know is not Biblical that does not mean you should cooperate with them.

1. Sprinkle baptism is a deception. *Galatians 1:8-9*

Baptism is to be by immersion. This pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. This means that if you were to change the mode of baptism, then you would change the meaning of baptism, and thus change the Gospel that baptism portrays.

2. Good Friday is a deception. *Matthew 12:40*

Look, thou brilliant mathematician! How can you get three days and three nights from Friday evening until before the dawning of the first day of the week which is Sunday?

3. Using the King James Bible but criticizing it is a deception. *Proverbs 30:6*

Every single time a preacher criticizes the Word of God, he is saying:

- a. He is smarter than God.
- b. We do not have a Bible we can trust.

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Our Special Guest Speakers For 2012

March - Dr. Dean Miller, Sr.

Long time Pastor of the great Cornerstone Baptist Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dr. Miller now is in full-time evangelism with a great ability to help struggling pastors and ministries. His messages on the Holy Spirit are some of the best ever preached.

June - Francie Taylor

Francie Taylor has been teaching her "Titus Woman's Workshops" since 1992 and is a frequent featured speaker at regional and national conferences, retreats and seminars.

July - Dr. Bob Gray, Sr.

Dr. Bob Gray, Sr., pastored for 33 years and has been the pastor of Longview Baptist Temple for 30 years. The church has grown from an attendance of 159 to averaging 2041 per Sunday. The church has 42 buses and 30 bus routes.

October - Dr. Bill McSpadden

Bill McSpadden has become legendary as Bucky Tucker. What many fail to know about this humorous man is that he is a spirit filled preacher with experience as pastor and executive college president.



Heritage Highlanders April 2012 Schedule

Saturday April 7

Baking: "Resurrection Rolls"

Matthew 27:53

Saturday April 21

Indoor Gardening Project

Psalms 128:3

Saturday April 14

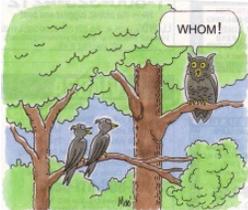
Far Above Rubies

Proverbs 31

Saturday, April 28

Soulwinning Lesson

Romans 10:13



"HE NEVER LETS YOU FORGET THAT HE WENT TO COLLEGE."

THREE BOY SCOUTS TOLD THEIR SCOUTMASTER THAT THEY HAD DONE THEIR GOOD DEED FOR THE DAY.

"WHAT DID YOU DO, BOYS?" HE ASKED.

"WE HELPED AN OLD LADY CROSS THE STREET."

"IT TOOK ALL THREE OF YOU TO DO THAT?"

"YES," ONE BOY PIPED UP. "SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GO."



Dr. Dean Miller

To Be Altered At The Altar

On Wednesday night, March 14, 2012, we had the privilege of having Dr. Dean Miller, Sr. preach here at the Heritage Baptist Church. That night he shared with us a very practical, very needed truth to help the church and each individual Christian. "Our churches are in a great dire need of a personal relationship with the Lord where they can walk in this filthy, vile, ungodly, hellish, damnable world and still have God's blessing and power to be able to accomplish the work that God has given the local church." How can we have this personal relationship with the Lord? The Altar.

The Altar is for the purpose of giving God a sacrifice. There are three altars you should have in your life:

1. The Personal Altar. This altar is for you and God alone. No one else—not your spouse, friend, etc. It should consist of the following:

- Place—Whether it be a chair, bed, couch, office; you need a place to be alone with God.
- Present—**Romans 12:1-2.** Present your bodies a living sacrifice. In this ungodly world how can we ever have a Holy body to present to Him? Make a "present" of your body to Him. *Illustration: I John 1:9.* The courtroom term to confess: to say exactly what took place; to give in detail the what, how, where, & who of the crime. Confess your sin in detail & do not generalize it.
- Pieces—**Leviticus 1:6.** After confession, give yourself to the Lord in pieces. Devote each piece to his service: your mind (away from worldly thoughts & to make right decisions), ears (keep from gossip & bad music), mouth (give the Gospel, encourage someone) etc.
- Praise Him—Thank the Lord for everything He has done for you.

2. The Family Altar. We have gotten away from the family altar. It doesn't take long to get the family together, read the Bible, share a truth from God's Word, pray. Give God your children. He can do a better job than any one of us can do.

3. The Church Altar. When Pastor has preached and you need to sacrifice to God some time or extra prayer, exactly where should you be at the close of the service? Why is it so hard to get people down to the altar? Because it demands a sacrifice.

You would be amazed at what happens when you present your body to God as a living sacrifice. The presentation of that sacrifice will be what keeps you from veering off course.

I could not tell you how many times I've heard, "It should have been translated and worded differently." **Question:** How do you know?

4. "It's not an issue in our church" is a deception. // Timothy 4:2

If I had a dollar for every time I heard this.

Illustration: I was told 10 years ago, by people who claimed to be my friends, that at the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, the King James Bible was not an issue because it was the only bible they used. How do you think that turned out?

When the Word of God teaches on any subject, then that subject is an issue to be taught because the Bible declares it an issue to be taught.

THIRD: A DISASTROUS ATTEMPT AT JUSTIFYING SHEEP RUSTLING. I CORINTHIANS 12:12-20

The local, New Testament Church is pictured as a body throughout the Word of God. If that be true, a toe from my local assembly, I being the pastor, is not to be in your local assembly. Neither is a tongue nor a leg. This is dividing the body of Christ.

One pastor, who has several of my body parts in his church, said to me, "You do not even visit them. They are hurting and in need of a pastor." I asked him, "Would you mind giving me a list of your church members? I want to visit them."

Illustration: We have next door neighbors known as, "The Conley Family" who have trouble with their cattle breaking through the fence and coming on to our church property. I've never once taken possession of their cattle or tried to claim their cattle when they decide to visit here at Heritage Baptist Church. I always call them and tell them, "Your cattle are out again. What do you want me to do?"

Question: What particular body parts have you received into your church? I truly doubt it was the brain.

Conclusion: God has become a stranger in our land because He has become a stranger to His own people. We lie, connive, and manipulate to justify ourselves. The doctrines we teach publicly do not match up with what we do privately.

Has God become a stranger to you? Is He welcome in your home and in your church? How about your government? Has God become a stranger in our land?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour.

Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)



Jarrod
Collingsworth
Choir Director

IT IS ABOUT PLEASING GOD

"Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more." I Thessalonians 4:1

Having grown up in a Christian home all my life I have always been taught the way in which I should go. I have always been pointed towards Christ. The teachings of my parents have helped develop good Godly character traits in my life. As I reflect on this I see in my life and in the life of those younger than me where we start to err. We err not because of our parents teachings, but because we fail to learn a valuable lesson: that lesson is that we are supposed to be striving to please God and not our parents. Sure, we should desire to please our parents, but we will stay right if we remember that it is about pleasing God. Parents only have so much influence, parents pass away. If we live to please our parents when they are not around we will end up straying from what we have been taught because those whom we desired to please are not around for us to please.

The same can be stated of the relationship between pastor and church member. Many a church member falls in love with their pastor. They love him so much that they would never do anything that would make him disappointed. They do right not because it is what God wants, but what their pastor expects. You see this happen in many a teenager who goes off to Christian college. They were a wonderful, obedient teenager around their preacher, but when they get under a new preacher with rules and standards that are less than what they have been taught all their life they stray from what they once stated was what they believed. Did they really believe it. NO! They believed it because it was what their pastor wanted them to believe, they really never believed it because it was what God wanted them to believe.

Our desire and thought process should always be focused on pleasing God. He is the one we are supposed to fear. He is the one we ultimately face one day. He is the one who will be around forever to watch our every decision. He sees our walk and our talk. Will He find it pleasing?

Some food for thought.....or..... **Seed From The Silo!**

Christian Families in Syria Trapped in Crossfire

The Syrian uprising against President Bashar al-Assad, which began almost a year ago, has put families in the region in serious danger, and Christians trapped in the crossfire are in critical need of help....

The uprising began last March when Syrians initiated protests against the regime of President Assad, hoping to end five decades of Arab Socialist Ba'athist rule in the country....

The large-scale government crackdown on rebels and the ongoing protests despite the violence have already resulted in many casualties....

Christian families [all denominational groups], who make up about two million, or 10 percent of the total Syrian population, are trapped in villages with little access to food and other basic supplies....

"The armed Islamist opposition in Syria has murdered more than 200 Christians in the city of Horns, including entire families with young children. These Islamic gangs kidnapped Christians and demanded high ransoms. In two cases, after the ransoms were paid, the men's bodies were found. Christians are being forced to flee the city to the safety of government-controlled areas. Muslim rebel fighters and their families are taking over their homes."
ChristianPost.com

Christians Imprisoned, Coerced in Saudi Arabia

Imprisonment in Saudi Arabia of 35 Ethiopian Christians arrested for praying in a private home on December 15 has prompted religious liberty organizations and the Washington-area Ethiopian community to join together demanding their release.

Non-Muslim religious worship is forbidden in the Saudi Kingdom which does not permit even immigrant workers to worship at gatherings in the privacy of their homes.

One high-ranking official told the Ethiopians, "You are non-believers and animals. You are pro-Jews and supporters of America."

Christian Student Quits School Choir in Protest of Islamic Song

A student in a high school choir has opted to leave the choir rather than sing a song with Islamic tones that "praises Allah."

James Harper, a senior at Grand Junction High School, decided to leave the after-school men's choir when the instructor chose to sing "Zikr" by Indian composer A. R. Rahman.

Harper explained that he felt uncomfortable that he would have to sing a song praising another god. He also thought [it] was inappropriate for the choir director to pick "an Islamic worship song" which includes the line, "There is no truth except Allah."

Harper sent his complaint to local school District 51 officials stating his concerns over the song. The school officials, however, were in favor of the decision by the choir director, Marcia Wieland, and subsequently, Harper left the choir...

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION SEES PEDOPHILIA AS NORMAL BEHAVIOR

In the wake of the Penn State coach recently accused of child rape, the American Psychiatric Association, publishers of the number one manual identifying abnormal behaviors, has declared that pedophilia should not be considered an abnormal behavior. If the APA had its way child rape and molestation, sexual exploitation of children, psychological and physical destruction of a child's innocence would be decriminalized.

What kind of seed are you sowing?



Mrs. Francie Taylor

A Beautiful Pig

Would you buy a lovely gold earring to put in the nose of a pig? What an incredible word picture the Scripture draws for us in comparing a pig with an indiscreet woman:

"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion." Proverbs 11:22.

We certainly have an epidemic of beautiful "Miss Piggies" running around in our world today. They are underclothed and overrated. They "let it all hang out" while we who know better wish they would cover it all back up! They do everything they can to be noticed by all, especially by men. According to the dictionary, this woman would be a femme fatale. The definition of this type of woman is as follows: "A woman who is considered to be highly attractive and to have a destructive effect on those who succumb to her charms." The next time you see a femme fatale, remember the image of a pig with the earring in its nose! This word picture from Scripture helps to put things in perspective for us so that we won't get our wires crossed and copy the jeweled pig!



Jack and
Beverly
Hyles

We Do Not Need A New Sword

The attack is on the Bible. I heard a man on a "Christian" radio station make this statement: "I cannot say that the King James Bible has the words of God, but I can say it has the message of God." My Bible does not say, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every message that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." My Bible says, "**every word.**" I'm not going to keep my mouth shut any longer about people who are making light of the words of the Blessed Book. We need these words! I must have a Bible that has the words of God. We have too many smiths in the land.

The New King James, the Revised Standard Version, the American Standard Version, the New Testament in Basic English, the Berkeley Version, the Moffatt Version, the New Testament in the Language of Today, Goodspeed, Amplified, Centenary Translation, Philip's New Testament in Modern English, the Emphasized New Testament, the Williams' Translation, Language of the People, Living Letters, the Living Bible, the New Scofield not to mention all the others who have dared to meddle with the Word of God are all second-rate swords published by smiths who ought to be out soul winning instead of making new swords!



Faith McSpadden's Oven Fried Chicken

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1/2 cup all-purpose baking mix

1 tbsp. paprika

2 tsp. Creole seasoning

1 tsp. seasoned salt

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

1/4 tsp. Italian seasoning

1/8 tsp. black pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F. Pour the vegetable oil evenly over bottom of 15x10x1-inch baking pan.

Combine the baking mix, paprika, Creole seasoning, seasoned salt, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and black pepper in a large bowl. Mix well. Pour into a paper bag.

Add the chicken drumsticks, a few at a time, to the bag and shake to coat. Arrange on the prepared baking pan.

Bake chicken, turning once, until juices run clear when pierced with the tip of a knife, about 30 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish. Serve immediately. Serves 5.

WARNING: VERY BAD NEWS! IN ORDER TO SAVE THE ECONOMY: ON DECEMBER 30, 2011, CONGRESS HAS ORDERED THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TO START DEPORTING RETIRED PEOPLE INSTEAD OF ILLEGALS IN ORDER TO LOWER SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE COSTS. RETIRED SENIORS ARE EASIER TO CATCH, AND WILL NOT REMEMBER HOW TO GET BACK HOME!



Dr. Al
Lacy
with our
Pastor

The Local Church

"From whom the whole body FITLY JOINED TOGETHER AND COMPACTED by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of EVERY PART, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:16).

In order to have EVERY PART of the body of Christ FITLY FRAMED together, BUILT together, FITLY JOINED together and-COMPACTED, it MUST be all in ONE place! It HAS to be local! The idea of a universal body is ridiculous.

Picture yourself walking down the local railroad tracks. Suddenly, you look down and see blood all over the place. Your eye falls on a hand. You say, "That looks like Humphrey's left hand." Twenty yards down the tracks, you find another hand. You say, "Hmm. That looks like Humphrey's right hand." Continuing on, you walk another twenty yards and see a leg. You say, "That looks like Humphrey's left leg."

Another thirty yards, you spy a second leg, saying, "Sure enough, that looks like Humphrey's right leg." You proceed a little further . . . let's say twenty-three yards, and you find a torso. You say, "That looks like Humphrey's torso." Hurrying onward, you walk another forty yards and find Humphrey's head. Quickly, you run, pick up the head, and say, "Humphrey! Are you hurt?"

Now I ask you... is that a BODY? Of course not. Scattered parts DO NOT MAKE UP A BODY!... neither do Christians who are scattered all over the universe! In I Corinthians chapter 12, Paul says the church is like a human body. He speaks of the hands, the feet, the eyes, the ears, the nose . . . and says,

***"... but God hath TEMPERED THE BODY TOGETHER . . . that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, ALL THE MEMBERS suffer with it; or one member be honored, ALL THE MEMBERS rejoice with it. Now YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the CHURCH, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers.."* (I Cor. 12:24-28).**

Now THINK, dear reader... Nothing can be a "body" unless it is TEMPERED TOGETHER. That MAKES it local. The idea of it being universal is absurd. Please notice that Paul said when one member suffers, ALL THE MEMBERS suffer with him, or when one member is honored ALL THE MEMBERS rejoice with him. There is NO WAY this can be true except in a LOCAL church. If there is such a thing as a universal body or church (which would be made up of ALL Christians) . . . will you please tell me how ALL THE MEMBERS would KNOW about all the other Christians on earth suffering ... or being honored???

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. In 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 we at Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved and baptized every—single—week. That makes 6 years in a row!
2. We are so happy to announce the speaker for the Ladies' Annual Retreat. This year the special speaker will be Mrs. Francie Taylor.

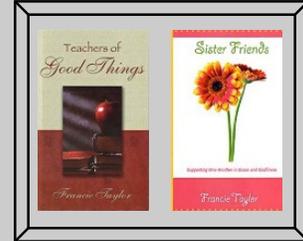


Mrs. Francie Taylor

The Theme: "Building A Godly Heritage"
The Time: Friday, June 8th, at 7:00 PM



Spring Program
March 11th—May 13th



Books by Mrs. Taylor



**Scenes
From
Joseph
And
Alison's
Wedding.**

*A WOMAN TOLD HER FRIENDS
ABOUT A BURGLARY SCARE SHE'D
HAD THE NIGHT BEFORE.
"I HEARD A NOISE. WHEN I GOT
UP, I SAW LEGS STICKING OUT
FROM UNDER THE BED!"
"THE ROBBER WAS UNDER YOUR
BED?"
"NO, IT WAS MY HUSBAND. HE
HEARD THE NOISE, TOO."*



Jessica Collingsworth
and Galahad

Is There Such A Thing As A Natural Leader?

A leader is not simply born into his role naturally but he is formed by the hands of those who came before him. As a potter molds his clay into a useful vessel so is a man molded into a leader by those who influence him; his parents, his teachers, a historical figure, and hopefully God's Word, and God's man.

A good leader is a good follower for a true leader is one who serves the people he is leading. Like David in the Old Testament, we do not start out at the top. David started as a shepherd boy, which in those days was considered to be one of the lowliest positions you could have, but he did his job well and excelled. David had to be a good shepherd, a protector of his fathers flock before he could find the courage

to do what was right the day he delivered food to his brothers on the battlefield and discovered a Philistine mocking his God. We all know what followed, with his faith that God was by his side he defeated Goliath and took another step toward a bigger future. David was not simply handed the throne and told to lead the people he had to learn how first.

The characteristics of a leader are not ones that generally come naturally. Man must learn to be patient with others, to be hard working, to use his time wisely. A leader must examine his weaknesses in order to overcome them but it takes someone of good character to even care enough to try. A good leader commands others not for his personal benefit but for their benefit.

A would be leader needs someone to follow who will guide him in the right direction. Joshua had Moses, Elisha had Elijah, and the disciples had Jesus so we must have someone to follow in order to properly lead others. Of course you can say that everyone is a leader because everyone has someone following them, but unless they are conscious of this fact and trying their hardest to keep those following them on the right path they are nothing more than bad examples.

Lead is an action verb meaning to cause a person to go with one by holding them by the hand while moving forward or, to show the way to a destination. In each definition you can see that actually leading someone is a conscious act not an accidental occurrence.

II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, ..." Just pointing out three words, 'study', 'shew', and 'workman' we see once again that leading someone is a conscious act. We also see that God wants us to strive to do better. He wants us to study, to learn, I believe, so that we might be able to teach others, to show them the way to their destination. Just this verse alone shows us that man must learn in order to become a leader someone who must teach others. If a leader does not have the knowledge his flock needs than that shows him to be a bad leader.

In conclusion, a man is not a natural leader because man does not obey naturally, and in order to lead you must first follow, and those that follow must know how to obey, which is something that is learned, acquired by hard work and repetition.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority
Autonomy of the Local Church
Priesthood of ALL Believers
Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion
Immersed Church Membership
Soul-liberty
Two officers - Pastors and Deacons
Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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